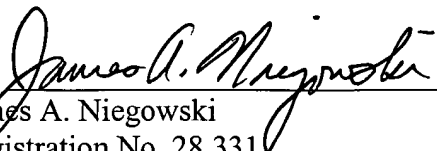


Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the first substantive Office action. Applicants submit that no fees are required for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment. If fees are deemed necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment of the requisite fee.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second paragraph under “BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS” on page 5 of the application with the following:

--[FIGS. 2] FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view of the prior art article of footwear depicted in FIG. 1.--

FIG. 2A (Prior Art)

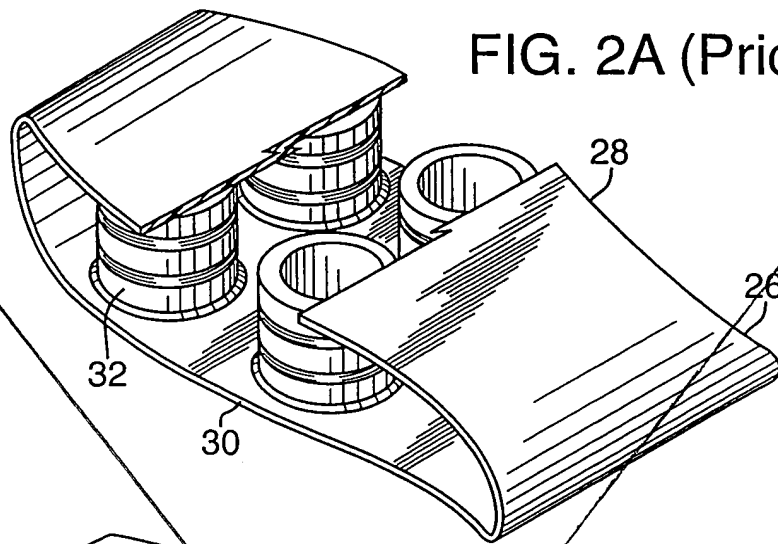


FIG. 2B (Prior Art)

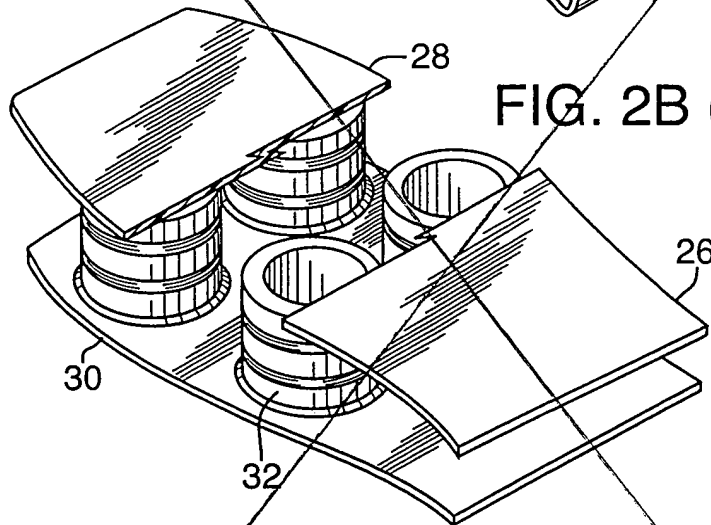


FIG. 2C (Prior Art)

